

REMARKS

Claims 27-51 are pending in the application. Claims 27-33 stand rejected. Claims 34-45 stand objected to. Claims 34, 40, 42 and 44 are amended in this paper. Claims 27-33 are cancelled.

Rejection of Claims 27 and 30-33 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 27 and 30-33 have been cancelled.

Rejection of Claim 31 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 31 has been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant requests a finding of allowability for all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned. **If the Examiner does not agree with the Applicant's position that all pending claims are allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a telephonic discussion of the application prior to issuing an Office or Advisory Action.**

Respectfully submitted,

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
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